

# Cherry Park/Softball Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2024

## **Attendance:**

Jason Reynolds

Eliza Hess

Sean Faulkner

## **Call to Order at 6:31pm**

Sean Faulkner was introduced as the Softball/Flag Football programmer. Mentioned the well-received spring skill challenge that was offered to the girls in the Spring of last year.

Eliza Hess has offered to help with anything we need.

## ***Facility Updates:***

Repaved parts of the trail, an estimated completion of the whole trail will be this year because of numerous complaints of having to turn around.

Resodding multi-purpose fields due to a lot of football traffic.

Cherry Park is in the process of redoing their rental fees due to being low compared to rentals around us. Fees have not been updated since 1985, when Cherry opened.

## ***Economic Impact for 2023:***

Roughly \$12 million from 34 events at Cherry/Hargett

Goal is to shoot for \$10 million.

## ***Issues:***

Working on getting new dog waste stations as with the old ones, the bottoms rusted out.

The most vandalized thing is arguably the library at the playground (doors broken, glass broken etc).

Homeless situation has improved tremendously, staff has been proactive at getting homeless population to move along. RHPD has a point of contact with RHPRT to address the situation.

Between BMX Worlds, Special Events and RHSD Spring Break, spring programs have been challenged in scheduling. Luckily, RHSD has a new calendar which pushes the school year ending in June.

## ***Upcoming Events for 2024:***

Cherry will have 36 events, starting in March; four baseball, nine slow pitch and 23 fast pitch. Perfect Game baseball travels well and are trying to get more events lined up in the future. Area 11 Special Olympics will take place at Cherry Park again. The annual Great Easter Egg Classic will take place again, with it seemingly growing each year. NAMI and Cystic Fibrosis will hold a walk at Cherry Park. Lastly, York County Government will hold their employee picnic at Cherry Park

**Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm**